Michael Stamper

November 4, 1998

BY HAND

F. Andrew Turley, Esq. Supervisory Attorney Central Enforcement Docket Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Matter Under Review 4821 ("MUR 4821").

Dear Mr. Turley:

I received on October 24th, 1998 your letter dated October 21, 1998 pertaining to MUR 4821. The complainant in MUR 4821 alleges that, in connection with the 1997-98 election cycle, I contributed more than \$1,000 to Lazio For Congress, the authorized campaign committee of Representative Rick Lazio, in violation of the individual contribution limit set out in 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b)(1). My contributions were in full compliance with this regulation, and I request that I be dismissed from MUR 4821 with no further action.

An individual may contribute up to \$1,000 to a candidate with respect to any election to federal office. 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b)(1). This \$1,000 limit is applied separately with respect to a primary election and to the subsequent general election. 11 C.F.R. §§ 110.1(j)(1), 100.2(b),(c). As a result, an individual contributing the maximum amount to each of the two elections will contribute a total of \$2,000 to a campaign committee during an election cycle.

For your reference, I am enclosing excerpts from the Lazio For Congress Report of Receipts and Disbursements that report my two (2) contributions during the 1997-98 election cycle cited by the complainant. The excerpts are taken from the Commission's internet web site. The report clearly states that, with respect to the election cycle at issue, I contributed an aggregate of \$1,000 to Lazio For Congress with respect to the primary election, and an aggregate of \$1,000 with respect to the general election. These contributions did not exceed the contribution limit set out in Section 110.1(b)(1). Further, given the clear public record

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demonstrating my compliance, I am surprised and disappointed that I have been required to prepare this response.

I request that I be promptly dismissed from MUR 4821 with no further action.

Michael K. Stamper

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